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SUBJECT: GLOOMY OUTLOOK FOR CONVENTION

REF: BELFAST 2781. UNITED ULSTER UNIONIST COALITION (UUUC) CONVENTION  
ON

MEMBERS MET SIX HOURS SEPT8 AND PASSED MOTION REAFFIRMING

EXCLUSION "REPUBLICANS" FROM PARTICIPATION AT EXECUTIVE

CABINET LEVEL ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT NORTHERN IRELAND.

OVERWHELMING MAJORITY THOSE ATTENDING ALSO REJECTED SUGGESTION  
BY WILLIAM CRAIG VANGUARD UNIONIST PARTY (VUP) LEADER THAT IN  
FUTURE TIMES OF EMERGENCY LOYALIST GOVERNMENT COULD INVITE  
OPPOSITION MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN COALITION GOVERNMENT.

FINALLY, UUUC DECIDED MOVE FOR ADJOURNMENT CONVENTION SEPT. 11

UNTIL SEPT. 17 ON MOTION CENSURE SECRETARY STATE REES FOR

HIS MANAGEMENT SECURITY SITUATION. ON SEPT 17 UUUC INTENDS

PRESENT MAJORITY PROPOSALS FOR SHAPE DEVOLVED PARLIAMENT AND

EXECUTIVE. THERE FIVE MAN DELEGATION FROM ULSTER WORKERS

COUNCIL (UWC) AT MEETING AND IT BELIEVED THEY EXERTED PRESSURE

FOR PASSAGE ANTI-POWER SHARING MOTION.

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2. ONLY CRAIG VOTED AGAINST MOTION REJECTING POWER SHARING

WITH VANGUARD UNIONIST DAVID TRIMBLE AND OFFICIAL UNIONIST WILLIAM MORGAN ABSTAINING. CRAIG WAS ABSENT FOR VOTE BUT HAD LEFT NEGATIVE PROXY. DEPUTY VUP LEADER ERNEST BAIRD LATER CLARIFIED EXCLUSIONVE "REPUBLICANS" AS MEANING THOSE WHO HAD ASPIRATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE OR FUTURE REUNIFICATION OF IRELAND, A CLEAR REFERENCE TO SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP). BAIRD ALSO EXPRESSED BELIEF "OPPOSITION" COULD FIND ADEQUATE POLITICAL OUTLET IN COMMITTEE SYSTEM TO BE PROPOSED BY MAJORITY.

3. MAJOR QUESTION IS WHERE DOES PROVINCE GO FROM HERE? UNLESS SDLP CAN IN EFFECT SURRENDER EITHER UNITED IRELAND ASPIRATIONS OR DEMANDS FOR EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY IT SEEMS LAST BEST CHANCE FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION HAS BEEN MISSED. SDLP CAN HARDLY MAKE EITHER CONCESSION AND RETAIN IDENTITY AS PART OF NORTHERN IRELAND MINORITY. ALTHOUGH FROM AFAR SDLP SURRENDER MIGHT SEE STATESMANLIKE GESTURE IN INTEREST PEACE, IN CURRENT ULSSTER ATMOSPHERE IT WOULD BE TAKEN AS SELL OUT AND SUSCEPTIBLE INTERPRETATION AS SERVING ONLY PERSONAL PECUNIARY INTERESTS SDLP POLITICIANS.

4. MINOR QUESTIONS INVOLVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UUUC POLITICAL LEADERS WITH THE GRASS ROOTS AND WHAT IS FUTURE BILL CRAIG? RECENT UTTERANCES MOST LOYALIST SPOKESMEN SEEM TO TAKE PROVINCE NEARER TU ULTIMATE CHAOS. THE QUESTION ARISES WHETHER PROTESTANT MAJORITY GENUINELY WANTS A CIVIL WAR, REPARTITION AND A NEW, TIDY BUT BANKRUPT ULSSTER. CONGEN CONTINUES BELIEVE MOST PEOPLE NORTHERN IRELAND WANT PEACE AND THE CONSEQUENCES PRESENT TREND NOT APPARENT TO THEM. IF SECTARIAN WARFARE DOES ERUPT, CRAIG IN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION. HE PROTESTANT LEADER CLOSEST TO PARA-MILITARIES AND UWC WHILE HIS ACTION YESTERDAY CAN BE PORTRAYED AS A REFUSAL TO CONTINUE ALONG THE PATH TO RUIN.

5. ONE LOW RANKING SDLP CONVENTION MEMBER JOHN TURNLY HAS SUGGESTED THAT IT SECURITY FORCES STRECHED TOO FAR TO PREVENT SECTARIAN KILLINGS THEN BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS SHOULD REQUEST UNITED NATIONS FORCES. THIS SENTIMENT CAN BE EXPECTED GROW AMONG CATHOLICS AT LEAST. THERE NO RPT NO KNOWN SENTIMENT LOCALLY NOW FOR INTERVENTION BY UNITED STATES.

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